

Drug Control Policy; Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Brian E. Sheridan, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and William E. Ledwith, Chief, International Operations, DEA, Department of Justice.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook and Norton.

### CLEMENCY TO TERRORISTS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that it shall be in order at any time on Thursday, September 9, 1999, or on Friday, September 10, 1999, for the Speaker to entertain a motion that the House suspend the rules and adopt H. Con. Res. 180, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not have granted clemency to terrorists.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D893)

S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program. Signed August 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-40)

S. 604, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company. Signed August 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-41)

S. 1258, to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office. Signed August 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-42)

S. 1259, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks. Signed August 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-43)

S. 1260, to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code. Signed August 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-44)

H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of

the Interior to provide assistance. Signed August 10, 1999. (P.L. 106-45)

H.R. 2565, to clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Signed August 11, 1999. (P.L. 106-46)

S. 1543, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information. Signed August 13, 1999. (P.L. 106-47)

H.R. 211, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at West 920 Riverside Avenue in Spokane, Washington, as the "Thomas S. Foley Federal Building and United States Courthouse", and the plaza at the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the "Walter F. Horan Plaza". Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-48)

H.R. 1219, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects. Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-49)

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses. Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-50)

H.R. 1664, An Act providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies. Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-51)

H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-52)

S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-53)

S. 606, for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation). Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-54)

S. 1546, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act. Signed August 17, 1999. (P.L. 106-55)

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 9 through September 11, 1999

## Senate Chamber

On *Thursday*, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2084, Department of Transportation Appropriations; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2466, Department of the Interior Appropriations, with votes to occur on pending Amendment Nos. 1621 and 1583.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services*: September 9, to hold hearings on the nomination of General Henry H. Shelton, USA, for reappointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade of General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: September 9, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; and the nomination of Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: September 9, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine the political futures of Indonesia and East Timor, 2 p.m., 2172, Cannon Building.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the protection of religious liberty, 10 a.m., SD-226.

## House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations*, September 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, September 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on How Healthy Are The Government's Medicare Fraud Fighters? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, September 9, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, September 9, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Law Enforcement Retirement: Who Qualifies and Why? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 9, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on The FAA and Y2K: Will Air Travel Be Stopped or Be Significantly Delayed on January 1st and Beyond? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, September 9, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2367, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 9, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999; and H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science*, September 9, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 356, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California; H.R. 1753, Gas Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999; H.R. 2086, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act; H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999; H.R. 2607, Commercial Space Transportation Competitiveness Act of 1999; and H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 9, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Measuring Improvements in the U.S. Export Assistance Center Network, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 9, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on European Union's Efforts to Ban Hush-Kitted Aircraft, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, September 9, Subcommittee on Benefits, oversight hearing on Veterans' Employment Regarding Civilian Credentialing Requirements for Military Job Skills, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

## Joint Meetings

*Conference*: September 9, meeting of conferees on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 3:30 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Joint Hearing*: September 9, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine the political futures of Indonesia and East Timor, 2 p.m., 2172, Cannon Building.